## **Natural Resources Conservation Service**

# **Application Ranking Summary**

# Wildlife Habitat

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Wildlife Habitat		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:		Telephone:
Farm Location:		

## **National Priorities Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.	
1. a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	
Water Quality Degradation – Will the proposed project improve water quality by: (select all that apply)	
2. a. Implementing the practices in a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)?	Yes O or No O
2. b. Implementing the practices in a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP)?	Yes O or No O
2. c. Reducing impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides on land adjoining a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d listed waterbody, or other State designation)?	Yes O or No O
2. d. Reducing the impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides in a "non-impaired water body"?	Yes O or No O
2. e. Implementing practices that improve water quality through animal mortality and carcass management?	Yes O or No O
Water Conservation – Will the proposed project conserve water by: (select all that apply)	
3. a. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce aquifer overdraft.	Yes O or No O
3. b. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce on-farm water use?	Yes O or No O
3. c.Implementing practices in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	
3. d. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm water use as a result of changing to crops with lower water consumptive use, the rotation of crops, or the modification of cultural operations?	Yes O or No O
Air Quality - Will the proposed project improve air quality by: (select all that apply)	
4. a. Meeting on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes O or No O
4. b. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm emissions of particulate matter (PM2.5, PM10)?	Yes O or No O
4. c.Implementing practices that reduce on-farm generated greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide (CO2), methane (CH4), and nitrous oxide (N2O)?	Yes O or No O
4. d. Implementing practices that increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	Yes O or No O
Soil Health:- Will the proposed project improve soil health by: (select all that apply)	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes O or No O
5. b.Increasing organic matter and carbon content, and improving soil tilth and structure?	
Wildlife Habitat – Will the proposed project improve wildlife habitat by: (select all that apply)	
6. a. Implementing practices benefitting threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern.	Yes O or No O
6. b. Implementing practices that retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation	Yes O or No O

Reserve Program (CRP) or other set-aside program?	
6. c. Implementing practices benefitting honey bee populations or other pollinators?	
6. d. Implementing land-based practices that improve habitat for aquatic wildlife?	Yes O or No O
Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project improve plant and animal communities by: (select all that apply)	
7. a. Implementing practices that result in the management control of noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	Yes O or No O
7. b. Implementing practice in an Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM)?	Yes O or No O
Energy Conservation- Will the proposed project reduce energy use by: (select all that apply)	
8. a. Reducing on-farm energy consumption?	Yes O or No O
8. b. Implementing practice(s) identified in an approved AgEMP or energy audit, which meet ASABE S612 criteria?	Yes O or No O
Business Lines – Will the practices to be scheduled in the "EQIP Plan of Operations" result in:	
9. a. Enhancement of existing conservation practice(s) or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is received?	Yes O or No O

#### **State Issues Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will warm season grasses and forbs be established as part of the EQIP SCHEDULE OF OPERATIONS? Do not include existing WSG that is already planted or established. (30 points)	Yes O or No O
2. Does the SCHEDULE OF OPERATIONS include a Wetland Restoration (657) component? (20 points)	Yes O or No O
3. Does the SCHEDULE OF OPERATIONS include Structures for Wildlife (649) – Edge Feathering? (10 Points)	Yes O or No O
4. Does the SCHEDULE OF OPERATIONS include 647-Disking, 315 – for Selective/Strip Spraying only, or 338 Prescribed Burning? (10 points)	Yes O or No O
5. If the SCHEDULE OF OPERATIONS includes a Field Border (386), does the border include planting warm season grasses? (10 points)	Yes O or No O
6. Does the SCHEDULE OF OPERATIONS include practices that contribute to establishing or managing one of the following priority habitats – Tall Grass Prairie, Low Stature Prairie, Sedge Meadow, Fen Restoration, Savanna, or Open Oak Woodland? (20 points)	Yes O or No O
7. Any part of the application acres lies in one or more identified priority resource concern areas listed in the FY11 Indiana State Resource Assessment, as identified through the FY15 Ranking Tool and the application includes practices that will address one or more of those concerns to Planning Criteria. (20 Points)	Yes O or No O
8. Will the SCHEDULE OF OPERATIONS have a direct positive effect on a Threatened or Endangered Species? (40 points) • Answer "yes" if the project is identified by the Toolkit T&E tool (i.e. Bat Button), AND restores habitat that meets the requirements for program ranking criteria listed in the Toolkit hot-linked T&E guidance documents.	Yes O or No O
9. Is the offered acreage adjacent to a protected conservation area? Eligible areas include: Federal/State wildlife refuges, forests, parks and nature preserves; Nature Conservancy lands; or other areas protected by a minimum 30 year easement with wildlife management objectives (for example: 30 year or permanent easements in WRP). Classified Wildlands and Classified Forest areas are not deed-restrictive easements, and therefore not considered protected conservation areas. (25 points) • Data layers available at F:\geodata\environmental_easements include: Easements Layer (easements_a_in.shp) Areas managed by IDNR (Managed_Lands_IDNR_IN.shp). • Additional eligible data sources may be available at the local level. Note the source (Cons-6) if alternate data sources are used.	Yes O or No O
10. Is the offered acreage less than 1/2 mile from a protected conservation area? (See restrictions in question 9). (15 points) • Data layers available at F:\geodata\environmental_easements include: Easements Layer (easements_a_in.shp) Areas managed by IDNR (Managed_Lands_IDNR_IN.shp). •Additional eligible data sources may be available at the local level. Note the source (Cons-6) if alternate data sources are used.	Yes O or No O
11. Is the offered area within an identified IDNR Division of Fish and Wildlife habitat priority area and will practices be implemented to benefit fish and wildlife? Practices benefitting wildlife include (327, 386, 390, 391, 396, 422, 644, 646, 649, 657, 658, or 659). (20 Points) • Answer "yes" if the project is within the priority areas for quail, pheasant or Copperbelly water snake as identified using the FY15 Ranking Tool-Habitat areas.	Yes O or No O

12. Does the project provide a wildlife corridor (minimum 50 feet width) connecting two or more wildlife areas that total 10 or more acres? (20 Points) • "Wildlife areas" include areas of natural vegetation (i.e. areas not in Fescue, Smooth Brome, Reed Canarygrass or non-native invasive species) that are left undisturbed (such as not mowing during the primary nesting season). • Associated practices include 327, 386, 390, 391, 422, or 644.	Yes O or No O
13. Application will result in the conversion of all the offered acres from cropland, pasture or hayland to wildlife habitat. This includes land coming out of the Conservation Reserve Program that is eligible for EQIP assistance. (50 points)	Yes O or No O
14. Will the contract have less than three (3) contract items OR are all practices under contract scheduled to be completed within two years of the obligation date? (15 points)	Yes O or No O
15. If there is an existing management plan written for this land, is "wildlife habitat" the PRIMARY resource concern and/or landowner objective? (75 points) • Forest management plans must list wildlife as the primary objective.	Yes O or No O
16. This application includes one of the following practices: 314 or 315, and the applicant (by Tax ID number) has not received EQIP/WHIP Financial Assistance for the same practice scenario within the last 5 years. (20 points)	Yes O or No O
17. Has the applicant had prior year contracts which were cancelled or terminated due to contract violation(s) within the past 3 program years? (-200 Points) a. A violation must be noted in the assistance notes, NRCS-CPA-13, NRCS-CPA-153, or Indiana Corrective Action Plan. A contract cancellation due to documented hardship does not meet these criteria.	Yes O or No O

#### **Local Issues Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Sheet,Rill,Wind:Bartholomew,Benton,Blackford,Boone ,Cass,Crawford,Dearborn,Decatur,Fayette,Floyd,Franklin,Gibson,Greene,Hendricks,Jennings,Marshall,Miami,Montgomery,Owen,Pike,Pulaski,Ripley,Scott,Spencer,St.Joseph,Sullivan,Union,Vanderburgh,Vigo,Warren,Washington Conc Flow:Dubois,Fountain,Hamilton,Kosciusko,Posey Streambank erosion:Delaware,Putnam Compaction:Jay,Tipton Or g Matter:Fulton,Grant,Hancock,Harrison,Henry,Knox,La Grange,Madison,Noble Nutrients:Adams,Allen,Clint on,Daviess,DeKalb,Elkhart,Howard,Huntington,Jasper,Johnson,Lake,LaPorte,Marion,Martin,Newton,Orange,Porter,Randolph,Shelby,Steuben,Tippecanoe,Wayne,Wells,White Sediment:Carroll,Clay,Jefferson,Morgan,Parke,Perry,Vermillion,Warrick,Whitley Plant Productivity:Brown,Jackson,Lawrence,Monroe Plant Pest Pressure:Clark,Rush,Starke Livestock Water:Ohio,Switzerland 14-digit priority w/s:Wabash-Beargrass Creek (05120104050040)	Yes O or No O
2. Sheet,Rill,Wind:Clay,Clinton,Daviess,Delaware,Foun tain,Hamilton,Harrison,Huntington,Jefferson,Johns on,Knox,Morgan,Posey,Switzerland,Tippecanoe,Vermi llion,Wayne,Whitley Conc Flow:Benton,Hancock,Pike,Union,Vanderburgh,Washing ton Streambank erosion:Franklin,Owen Compaction:Fayette,LaGrange ,Marshall OrgMatter:Blackford,Boone,Elkhart,Jasp er,LaPorte,Pulaski,Putnam,Rush,St.Joseph,Vigo,Wab ash,Warren Nutrients:Bartholomew,Carroll,Cass,Cl ark,Decatur,Floyd,Fulton,Gibson,Hendricks,Henry,M ontgomery,Noble,Parke,Starke,Sullivan,Tipton Sed iment:DeKalb,Dubois,Greene,Howard,Lake,Marion,Mar tin,Newton,Ripley,Shelby,Spencer,Steuben,White P athogens:Miami,Randolph Pesticides:Grant, Madison Plant Productivity:Adams,Allen,Crawford,Dearborn,Ohio,Pe rry,Scott,Warrick,Wells Inad. Structure:Porter Habitat Deg:Brown,Jackson,Jennings Livestock Water:Lawrence,Monroe Livestock F/F:Orange GHGs:Jay,Kosciusko	Yes O or No O
3. Sheet,Rill,Wind:Adams,Howard,Jackson,Lake,LaPorte, Monroe,Parke,Wells Conc Flow:Crawford,Fayette,Gibson,Harrison,Henry,Marion ,Porter,Warrick Streambank erosion:Carroll,Jennings,Steuben,Wayne Compaction :Allen,Blackford,Boone,Cass,Pulaski,Rush,Union O rgMatter:Benton,Daviess,DeKalb,Floyd,Fountain,Gre ene,Hendricks,Marshall,Martin,Montgomery,Newton,O hio,Owen,Spencer,Sullivan,Vanderburgh Ponding, Flooding, Seas water table:Starke Nutrients:Clay,Delaware,Dubois,Hanco ck,Jay,Jefferson,LaGrange,Morgan,Pike,Ripley,Scot t,Vermillion,Wabash,Washington Sediment:Bartholo mew,Clinton,Dearborn,Decatur,Elkhart,Franklin,Gra nt,Hamilton,Kosciusko,Madison,Miami,Posey,Switzer land,Tippecanoe,Tipton,Vigo,Warren Pathogens:Ful ton,Huntington Pesticides:Noble,Shelby,White Pl ant Productivity:Knox,Whitley Pest Pressure:Lawrence,Perry,Putnam,Randolph Inad Structure:Brown Habitat Deg:Clark,Jasper,St.Joseph Livestock Water:Johnson, Orange	Yes O or No O
4. Sheet,Rill,Wind:Allen,Henry,Jasper,Newton,Ohio,Sta rke Conc Flow:Carroll,Decatur,Greene,Putnam,Randolph,Ripley ,Sullivan,White Streambank Erosion:Cass,Clark,Jefferson,Rush Compaction:Gran t,Hancock,Lake,Madison,Martin,Noble,Scott,Switzer land,Vanderburgh OrgMatter:Bartholomew,Clay,Clin ton,Crawford,Delaware,Huntington,Jennings,Parke,Perry,Posey,Steuben,Tippecanoe,Vermillion,Washingt on,Wayne Ineff Use of Irr Water:Fulton Ponding,	Yes O or No O

Flooding, Seas water table:Owen Nutrients:Boone,Fayette,Franklin,Hamil ton,Knox,Kosciusko,Marshall,Miami,Monroe,Pulaski, Spencer,St.Joseph,Union,Vigo,Warren,Warrick Sedi ment:Benton,Blackford,Fountain,Gibson,Hendricks,J ohnson,LaPorte,Lawrence,Pike Pathogens:Adams,Elk hart,Wells Pesticides:DeKalb,LaGrange,Montgomery Plant Productivity:Daviess,Floyd,Harrison,Howard,Jay,Ora nge,Wabash Pest Pressure:Brown Inad structure:Whitley Habitat Deg:Marion,Porter,Tipton Livestock F/F:Dearborn,Dubois,Jackson Energy Field Operations:Shelby GHGs:Morgan	
5. Sheet,Rill,Wind:Brown,Hancock,Marion,Shelby Conc Flow:Clinton,Floyd,Perry,Vigo Streambank Erosion:Tipton Compaction:Adams,Benton,Carroll,Cl ark,Daviess,Harrison,Jackson,Kosciusko,Posey,Spen cer,Washington,Wells,White OrgMatter:Decatur,Fay ette,Franklin,Gibson,Hamilton,Jay,Lake,Miami,Monr oe,Ripley,Union,Warrick,Whitley use of Irr Water:Newton, Pulaski Ineff Moist mgmt:Boone Nutrients:Fountain,Grant,Greene,Lawren ce,Madison,Ohio,Vanderburgh Sediment:Fulton,Henr y,Huntington,Jennings,Knox,Montgomery,Porter,Putn am,Sullivan,Wabash Pathogens:Jasper Pesticides: Parke,Rush,Starke,Warren Plant prod:Johnson,LaGrange,Noble,Owen Pest Pressure:Crawford,Howard,Jefferson,LaPorte,Marshal 1,Orange,Pike,St.Joseph,Tippecanoe Inad. Structure:Vermillion Habitat Deg:DeKalb,Delaware,Scott,Steuben Livestock Water:Clay,Dearborn,Dubois,Wayne Livestock F/F:Blackford,Elkhart,Martin,Morgan,Switzerland P M:Cass GHGs:Allen,Hendricks Odors:Randolph 14- digit w/s:Bartholomew-Little Sand Creek(0512020602)	Yes O or No O
6. Sheet,Rill,Wind:LaGrange,Porter,Steuben Conc Flow:Jasper,Knox Streambank Erosion:Bartholomew,Hamilton,Lake,Starke,White Co mpaction:Clinton,Decatur,Elkhart,Fountain,Fulton, Hendricks,Johnson,Miami,Ohio,Parke,Vermillion,War ren,Whitley Org Matter:Adams,Clark,Dearborn,Kosciusko,Marion,Rando lph,Shelby,Wells Subsidence:Noble ineff use irr water:LaPorte Ponding/Flooding:Spencer,Tipton in eff moist mgmt:Putnam Nutrients:Benton,Brown,Harrison,Jenni ngs,Perry,Posey,Rush Sediment:Daviess,Delaware,F ayette,Jackson,Marshall,Orange,Vanderburgh,Wayne Pathogens:Allen,Jay,Wabash Pesticides:Dubois P lant prod:Boone,DeKalb,Huntington,Morgan,Newton,Sulliva n,Union,Vigo Pest Pressure:Cass,Floyd,Franklin,Gibson,Hancock,Scott inad. structure:Monroe Habitat Deg:Greene,Henry,Howard,Pike,Pulaski,Ripley,Switze rland,Tippecanoe LS water:Blackford,Crawford,Jefferson,Montgomery,Owen ,Washington LS F/F:Grant,Lawrence,Madison,St.Joseph LS shelter:Martin Energy field ops: Carroll PM: Warrick GHGs:Clay	Yes O or No O
7. Sheet,Rill,Wind:Clark,Fulton,Warrick Conc Flow:Clay,Lake,Montgomery,Spencer,Tippecanoe,Wabas h Streambank erosion:Greene,Morgan,Scott,Vigo Compaction:DeKal b,Franklin,Henry,Newton,Steuben,Wayne Org Matter:Brown,Howard,Jefferson Salts:Starke ineff use of irr water:St.Joseph ponding/flooding:Grant,Madison,Mi ami,Ohio ineff. moist. mgmt:Knox Nutrients:Blackford,Dearborn,Whitley S ediment:Adams,Floyd,Jay,LaGrange,Pulaski,Washingt on,Wells Pathogens:Carroll,Lawrence,Orange,Porte r Pesticides:Allen,Benton,Fountain,Hendricks,Hun tington,Perry,Posey,Tipton,Vanderburgh plant prod:Cass,Decatur,Delaware,Dubois,Jennings,Koscius ko,Putnam,Switzerland,Warren pest pressure:Elkhart,Hamilton,Johnson,Owen inad structure:Martin,Parke Habitat Deg:Bartholomew,Clinton,Hancock,LaPorte,Monroe,She lby LS water:Daviess,Fayette,Jackson,Jasper,Rush,Union L S F/F:Boone,Crawford,Harrison,Marshall,Noble,Pike,Ra ndolph,Ripley Energy Field ops:Marion GHGs:Gibson,Sullivan,Vermillion,White	Yes O or No O
8. Sheet,Rill,Wind:Noble Conc Flow:Grant,Jennings,Madison,Orange,Wayne,Whitley Compaction:Dearborn,Delaware,Gibson,Huntington,Je fferson,Randolph,Sullivan,Tippecanoe,Vigo,Warrick Org Matter:Allen,Dubois,Lawrence,Morgan,Pike ineff use of irr water:Elkhart,Posey,Starke,Steuben ponding/floodi ng:Jackson,Perry,Scott ineff moist. mgmt:Benton Nutrients:Switzerland Sediment:Boone ,Jasper,Rush,Union Pathogens:Howard,Marion Pest icides:Bartholomew,Blackford,Clinton,Henry,Kosciu sko,LaPorte,Pulaski plant prod:Clark,Fayette,Greene,Hendricks,Martin,Ripley pest pressure:Adams,Clay,Fountain,LaGrange,Lake,Newton, Tipton,Warren,Wells inad structure:Crawford,Wabash habitat deg:Decatur,Hamilton,Miami,Ohio,Owen,Parke,Putnam, Vermillion,Washington LS water:Franklin,Harrison,Shelby,Spencer,St.Joseph,V anderburgh LS F/F:Carroll,Daviess,Floyd,Monroe,Montgomery Energ y Equip/Fac:Porter Energy Field ops:Cass,White PM:Johnson GHGs:Brown,DeKalb,Hanc ock,Knox,Marshall odors:Fulton,Jay	Yes O or No O
9. Sheet,Rill,Wind:Dubois,Grant,Lawrence,Madison,Mart in,Perry Conc Flow:Hendricks,Miami,Warren,Shelby Streambank erosion:Decatur,Jasper,Pulaski Compaction:Jenning s,Monroe,Montgomery,Putnam Ponding/Flooding:Dear born,Delaware,Lake,Pike,Steuben ineff moist mgmt:Kosciusko Nutrients:Crawford,Jackson Sedime nt:Brown,Clark,Hancock,Randolph,Scott Pathogens: Benton,LaPorte Pesticides:Daviess,Howard,Newton, Ohio,Tippecanoe,Union plant prod:Bartholomew,Clay,Elkhart,Fountain,Henry,Parke ,Spencer,Vanderburgh,Wayne,White pest pressure:Clinton,Fulton,Greene,Harrison,Morgan,Swi tzerland,Vermillion inad. structure:DeKalb,Noble,Owen Habitat deg:Allen,Gibson,Jefferson,Johnson,Marshall,Starke LS	Yes O or No O

water:Cass,Floyd,Hamilton,Porter,Ripley,Sullivan,V igo LS F/F:Fayette,Franklin,Jay,Marion,Wabash,Washington Energy Equip/Fac:LaGrange,Orange Energy Field Ops:Boone,Knox GHGs:Adams,Blackford,Huntington,Po sey,Rush,St.Joseph,Tipton,Warrick,Wells,Whitley odors:Carroll	
10. Sheet,Rill,Wind:Kosciusko,Orange,Rush Conc Flow:Bartholomew,Dearborn,DeKalb,Martin,Switzerlan d Streambank erosion:Crawford,Miami,Newton,Warren Compaction:B rown,Clay,Greene,Jasper,Porter,Ripley Org Matter:Scott Ineff use of irr water:Knox,Marion,Marshall ponding/flooding:Pulas ki Sediment:Allen,Noble,St.Joseph Pathogens:Cli nton,Ohio,Shelby,Tippecanoe,Tipton,White Pestici des:Clark,Decatur,Fayette,Jay,Owen,Vermillion,War rick plant prod:Blackford,Carroll,Gibson,Hancock,Jefferson,Mo ntgomery,Randolph,Steuben pest pressure:Delaware,Hendricks,Jackson,Jennings,Parke ,Sullivan,Vigo,Washington inad structure:Daviess,Harrison,Howard habitatdeg:Bent on,Boone,Cass,Elkhart,Floyd,Fountain,Franklin,Hun tington,Lake,Lawrence,Morgan,Posey,Spencer,Wells, Wabash LS F/F:Adams,Fulton,LaPorte,Perry,Putnam,Union,Wayne, Whitley Energy field ops:Grant,Johnson,LaGrange,Madison PM:Dubois,Hami Iton,Starke GHGs:Henry,Monroe,Pike,Vanderburgh	Yes O or No O

#### Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
Ranking Score	
Efficiency:	
Local Issues:	
State Issues:	
National Issues:	
Final Ranking Score:	

This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

	Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
Signature Date:	Signature Date: